



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

Approved Minutes

Thursday, March 14, 2013

1:30 p.m. in W646

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), A. Amelinckx, J. Berezan, J. Copeland, R. Corbiere, A. Escher, P. Forrest, M. Gray, E. Karbasheski (by phone), B. Kunz, K. Lewis, M. Mahon, D. McArthur, S. McClellan (by phone), Z. Moline, K. Nugent, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, T. Waters, M. Wang, K. Willms
- Other:** J. Black (recording secretary), B. Boudreau, L. Corbiere, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, J. Usher, N. Walker, D. Weeks, R. Westlund

Prior to the start of the Open Session meeting, Dr. Josephine Mills, Director/Art Curator introduced the Board to the recent acquisition of portraits by Nicholas de Grandmaison.

Ron Corbiere was welcomed as the new Senate representative on the Board of Governors. Matthew Wang was thanked for being the Graduate Students' Association representative on the Board of Governors from one year. Armin Escher and Zack Moline were thanked for being on the Board of Governors as Students' Union representatives for two years.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the March 14, 2013 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the January 24, 2013 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2013.03.01

Waters/Lewis

That the Board of Governors approve the March 14, 2013 Consent Agenda with the addition of Items for Information 6.2 Students' Union Audited Financial Statements and 6.1 Faculty and Staff Appointments.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

G. Jong thanked everyone who came to the last Chillin' with the Chair after the last Board meeting. This will be attempted at every meeting, but tonight is the Alumni Association's Scotch Tasting.

- Jan. 26th – Attended Abbondanza it was a great evening and lots of support was given for the Faculty of Fine Arts.

- Jan 28th – Met with MLA Greg Weadick. He is a strong ambassador for the University of Lethbridge.
- Jan. 31st - Discussed the selection of the Alumni Association’s representative for Kevin Nugent’s replacement on the Board of Governors.
- Feb 26th – Advancement Committee meeting– It is exciting times and great to be part of this group. The Chair, Patrick Forrest, should be commended for leading this tremendous group of individuals.
- Feb 2nd – Annual Rotaract Dinner and Fundraiser – It is great to see University of Lethbridge students get engaged in the various causes and this very successful event.
- Feb 22nd – Had lunch with BMO Financial Group and then attended the presentation of their gift of Nicholas de Grandmaison pieces to the University of Lethbridge. The pieces are outstanding, and they also gifted \$50,000 to assist with the management of these pieces.
- Still working with Canadian School of Energy and Environment (CSEE).
- There was also a phone call with the Ministry regarding the budget, M. Mahon will provide more information on this within his report and the closed session.

3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Provincial Budget – The president attended the provincial budget announcement last week in Edmonton. Immediately after that there was a follow up conversation where more detailed information was received on the 7.3% reduction to our operating grant as well as some reductions within our Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP) funding. More information on how we move forward will be discussed within the closed session. This was a shocking day for everyone and the university community is still suffering the effects of this information and lots of time has been spent talking to those on campus. The most important thing is ensuring everyone understands the budget information and the scope of the implications. This will not be a quick response and we need to be methodical in decisions that will need to be made. Thank you was given to the senior team for all the work that has been done already on this. This University of Lethbridge has been through difficult budget times before and has come out the other end.
- Native Awareness Week – This was a great week on campus, and we have many supportive elders who come to campus and assist in these celebrations. It was noted that we will look at obtaining a peace pipe.
- Gender, Equity and Diversity Week – The president played wheelchair basketball this morning in honour of this week and his abilities in this area need improvement.
- CRDC and CAETL – These two entities have combined into the Teaching Centre, so this is a great emphasis on our teaching strengths.
- Strategic Plan – The first draft was presented to the Strategic Planning Committee and there was great feedback. Draft two is currently being worked on and this will be brought to the June board retreat.
- Ukraine – It was mentioned that Dan Weeks had a successful trip to the Ukraine and two memorandums of understandings were signed.
- Mexico – M. Mahon travelled to Mexico City to sign an MOU with CONACYT the federal organization in Mexico that funds graduate students. Also indicated that we

N. Walker indicated we never had a policy that outlines the principles so this helps as we move forward with new buildings and facilities.

5.3. Postdoctoral Fellow – Policy approval

MOTION: opn.2013.03.04

Smith/Gray

That the Board of Governors approve the attached Postdoctoral Fellows Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin indicated that this is the first policy in respect to post-doctoral fellows. This has been much needed as the number of them on campus continues to increase.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.2 Faculty and Staff Appointments

A. Hakin reported on the faculty and staff appointments. This is work done on behalf of the Board.

6.1 Students' Union Audited Financial Statements

A. Escher indicated that as required per the *Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)* the financial statements are attached for the Board's information. A question arose on if there was a management letter. N. Walker indicated that she asked and there were no points given. N. Walker's office asks if there is any clarification needed.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin commented on the Dean of Arts and Science and Dean of Fine Arts searches. Two individuals were identified for each, the arts and science candidates were already on campus and their presentations were well attended. Currently that committee is in the process of collecting feedback and they are moving forward with a recommendation. Next week the two individuals for Dean of Fine Arts will be on campus, one of those candidates is internal.

7.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski turned to K. Lewis for an Alumni update. She indicated that the Scotch Tasting is tonight. An oversubscribed cupcake event is happening next week, where parents can wish students well with cupcakes during a stressful time for students. Last year there were 40 cupcake orders and this year there are 240. The Fiat Lux ring ceremony will be part of Convocation and the Alumni Honour Society event again this year. The John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament is on June 14th. The Calgary Alumni and Friends dinner invites were sent and all individuals were encouraged to attend.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker had nothing to add to her enclosed report.

7.4. Vice-President (Research)

D. Weeks highlighted the business plan competition results and winners from the University of Lethbridge. This speaks to the importance of our students in engaging in the industry. Some were iGEM team members and they are busy creating their own entrepreneurial future.

7.5 Board Member Reports

Z. Moline reported that he will again be shaving his head this year for cancer and he asked anyone interested to make donations to a worthwhile cause.

A. Escher reported on a recent student conference in Edmonton and thanked the President for being there. The SU held their elections last week and S. Talbot is the new President who will now be on the Board and C. Hollingsworth was elected as the second board representative. They are hosting Ken Jennings on campus the all-time Jeopardy champ on campus next week.

M. Wang reported that the GSA will again be hosting their multidisciplinary conference where students can present on their research and everyone is invited to attend.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2013.03.05

Lewis/Forrest

That the Board of Governors open session meeting of March 14, 2013 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried